

Media Advisory March 7, 2014

## March Transportation Commission meeting rescheduled for Monday, March 10 \*\*\*Note changes to first information bullet point\*\*\*

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold a special meeting at **11 a.m. Monday**, **March 10** in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. in Oklahoma City. The regularly-scheduled meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. Items to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Oklahoma Department of Transportation officials will provide a detailed report to commissioners about the ongoing emergency repair work at the Purcell/Lexington Bridge on US-77/SH-39. The new information will highlight the constantly changing conditions and the discovery of additional cracks and the impact of these new factors on the timeline of the reopening of the bridge.
- Director of Capital Programs John Bowman will introduce the Division Manager of the agency's new Facilities Management Division.
- The commission is expected to vote on whether to award a contract for interchange reconstruction and pavement resurfacing on I-40 in Weatherford.
- They are also are expected to vote on awarding a contract to reconstruct and widen more than a mile of SH-9 near 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Norman. This is part of a larger effort to eventually widen SH-9 to four lanes between Norman and Tecumseh.
- Commissioners will be asked to vote on awarding contracts to replace several structurally deficient bridges, including two bridges on US-81 north of Medford in Grant County and the SH-9 bridge over the Union Pacific railroad near Eufaula in McIntosh County.

The meeting agenda can be viewed at www.okladot.state.ok.us by clicking the Public Meeting link. The commission, an eight-member panel appointed by the governor to oversee the state's transportation development, awards project contracts for road and bridge construction on a monthly basis. The meeting is open to the public. If you have any questions about Monday's meeting, call the ODOT Media and Public Relations office at 405-521-6000. Next month's Oklahoma Transportation Commission meeting is currently scheduled for April 7 at 11 a.m.

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